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EXTENSION

(U) The Government of Estonia has agreed on the text of a bill to extend the mandate for Estonian troop deployment in Iraq by an additional 12 months (until December 31, 2007). The present mandate of Estonian troops in Iraq expires this year on Dec. 31. The government will not, however, forward the bill to Parliament until after the UN Security Council mandate is renewed. The GOE's bill increases Estonian participation to 40 troops. The Estonian Defense Forces have already started training a new unit (ESTPLA-14) for deployment in Iraq to ensure a seamless rotation upon renewal of the mission mandate.

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